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MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 1 – 6, 2016

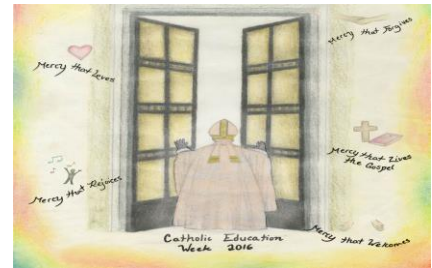
The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is 'Catholic Education: Opening Doors of Mercy.' The overall scriptural theme is taken from Matthew's Gospel,
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Overall Theme: **Opening Doors of Mercy**

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2016 are as follows:

- Monday:* Mercy that Welcomes
- Tuesday:* Mercy that Loves
- Wednesday:* Mercy that Forgives
- Thursday:* Mercy that Lives the Gospel
- Friday:* Mercy that Rejoices



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the Grade 7 students from Mrs. Glavic's class who celebrated their Confirmation on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at St. Augustine Church. Bishop Crosby confirmed the Grade 7 students. Many thanks to Mrs. Glavic for preparing the students for this special sacrament. Many thanks to the Catholic School Council for purchasing a Confirmation gift for all students being confirmed.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the Grade 2 students that received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Many thanks to Mr. Hewitson and Mrs. Bury for preparing the students for this special sacrament.

Please remember to pray for these students as they continue their spiritual journey. Parents, please ensure that these children attend Mass regularly to share in this most Holy Sacrament. Thank you to the Catholic School Council for purchasing Communion gifts as a remembrance for the students.

MAY CROWNING

All early in the morning
I rose to greet the day,
And underneath my window
I saw a Child at play.
The robins were not fearful
Of one so mild and meek;
They lighted on His shoulder
And nested at His cheek.
He picked the clustering roses,
The lily in its sheath,
The long-stemmed purple violets,
And wove them in a wreath.
And then I saw a Lady
Come walking in the dew;
Her robe was white as starshine,
Her mantle was deep blue.
And as the Child approached her,
All sweetly she knelt down
And bent her head, receiving
His fragrant, flowery crown.



Helen Connolly
The Magnificat. Volume LXVI. Number 1. May 1940

MAY CROWNING

On Thursday, May 19, 2016 the St. Augustine School community will be honouring our Mother Mary with a Crowning Celebration. The liturgy service will begin at 9:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Church. All parents/guardians are invited to share in this wonderful tribute to Our Lady. Bouquets of fresh flowers or plants will be most welcome. Please drop them off at the school before 8:30 a.m. The Grade 2 students can wear their First Communion outfits and the Grade 7 students can wear their Confirmation outfits. When Mass is over, they can change into their school uniform.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION BRUNCH

The Grade 2 and Grade 7 students are invited to the brunch in the Learning Commons following the May Crowning Mass. This is hosted by the Spiritual Committee, in celebration of their recent sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This event is always a wonderful success and to achieve this success, we need volunteers for serving! This year's brunch is being catered by Cathedral Catering. The brunch includes pancakes, sausages, fruit, dessert and drinks at approximately 10:30 a.m. If you can help, please contact Donna Faria Sienna at donna.sienna@gmail.com or 905-628-4611. We are also accepting monetary donations to help cover costs. Please advise if there are any food allergies or concerns.

VOLUNTEER TEA

We will be celebrating all volunteers that work at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School on May 20, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Learning Commons. We are very fortunate to have a large number of volunteers who faithfully work with and for the students at St. Augustine. We greatly appreciate all that you do for the students. Thank you!!

VIRTURE OF THE MONTH

RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION OF **LOVE** IN THE MONTH OF APRIL ARE:



Mrs. Bozzo/ Miss MacFarlane – Myles G.
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman/ Mrs.Clausen – Keira H.
Mr. Havers – Nicolas S.
Mr. Hewitson – Matthew E.
Mrs. MacEachern – Maya R.
Mrs. Bury – Sadie G.
Ms. Cornale – Adam S.
Mrs. Harold – Kate M.
Miss Filice – Grace B.
Mrs. Glavic – Jordan H.
Mr. Burgio – Natalia W.

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2015-2016

Catholic School Mission and Vision

Olivia C.

Academic Excellence

Cassidy L.

Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning

Natalie M.

Stewardship of Creation: Environmental Award

Jersey D.

Arts

Rory C.

Language

Jessica C.

Health and Physical Education

Lachlan P.

French as a Second Language

Margo Y.

Mathematics

Madison R.

Religion and Family Life

Eli D.

Science/Technology

Marcus R.

Social Studies/History/Geography

Tatum O.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Friday May 6th is our Jump Rope for Heart Event. Students and parents are reminded to help the Heart and Stroke Foundation by raising awareness and funds through sponsors. We look forward to this fantastic event and thank you in advance for your support.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The sold out Spring Extravaganza-Toonie Auction was a huge success again this year! We raised over \$9500 for our school. We would like to thank Scotia Bank of University Plaza for the volunteer support and their donation of \$5000. We want to thank everyone that attended our fundraiser. We appreciate all the wonderful prize donations we received. Special thanks to Mr. Hewitson and Mr. Furlong for playing the music and hosting our evening. The Catholic School Council, Christina Scheben and Mr. Trotta worked very hard to make this a great night!

Our next Catholic School Council Meeting will be on Monday June 13th at 6:45 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

EQAO TESTING

The students of Grades 3 & 6 will write the Provincial EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments test from **May 25–June 8, 2016**. The students will be tested in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. If at all possible, we kindly ask parents not to book appointments for your child during this time.

ECO FESTIVAL

The ECO Festival will be held on May 31, 2016.

On Tuesday, May 31st, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. St. Augustine CES will be hosting our annual eco fair focusing on the importance of Pollinators for our environment and the grand opening of our butterfly garden. There will be many fun eco-tastic activities and our traditional plant sale.

If you are interested in having a booth at our fair please contact Mrs. Glavic at (905) 523-2338.



RUN4CHANGE

The time is here! On Wednesday, May 18th our grade 6-8 students will be putting on their running shoes for change to help children less fortunate here in the Hamilton area. We wish our students the best of luck as they attend the run4change event at Bayfront Park as advocates for social justice.

SPORTS NEWS

Junior Boys Volleyball

Congratulations to the boys as they have qualified for quarterfinal playoff action. We wish the boys luck as they continue their awesome season! Mr. Havers & Mrs. Harold

Senior Boys Basketball

Congratulations to the Senior boys Basketball Team for winning the St. Peter & Paul tournament this month. The boys went undefeated throughout the tournament and entire season. Well done boys' Team Members included: Marcus R., Osezua I., Sangeeth A., Shane S., Ashton P., Alejandro L., Evan D., Will O., Lachlan P. Jacob M. and Brenden M.

Cross Country

The Cross Country Spring Meet is fast approaching. The students have been practising very hard during DPA. The meet will be at Marydale Park to 5999 Chippewa Rd., Mount Hope on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Please note that all times are approximate. Parents, please note that only students who can demonstrate the ability to run without stopping for 6 – 13 minutes, depending on their age, will be granted permission to run cross-country. All parents are welcome to attend, provided they have their own transportation. **All students will be travelling to and from the meet on the bus.** For safety/security reasons, no students will be allowed to make alternate arrangements to go home from Marydale Park. A special thank you to Mrs. Mederios for organizing the event and all the teachers involved in the practices and meet.



ST. AUGUSTINE STAR SEARCH

St. Augustine Star Search will take place on June Friday 17th. Sign-ups for auditions have already begun. Those students auditioning for SASS will be given a permission form at the beginning of May. All of important dates will be included in that form. Looking forward to an awesome show! Mrs. MacEachern & Mrs. Harold



FOOTWEAR ETIQUETTE

Flip flops should not be worn to school for health and safety reasons. Please keep children's feet happy and safe! Also, all students need to have a pair of running shoes at school to be worn during the day. They are not allowed to walk around in stocking feet. This is a health and safety issue. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

MATH CHALLENGE

Our school was well represented at this year's Math Challenge by Gr.6 Aivona I. & Grace B., Gr. 5 Teaghan K. & Samantha G., Gr. 4 Aiden S. & Holly B. and lead by Mr. Hewitson. Great Job!

FRENCH CAFÉ

Just a reminder, that the annual French Café will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 in St. Augustine School Gym. The hours of operation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 – 2:20 p.m. Parents may join their children at their scheduled times. If you wish to donate a prize for our Raffle, please drop it off at the Main Office. We look forward in celebrating with you! *Merci beaucoup*’



9:00 – 9:40	Mr. Burgio
9:55 – 10:35	Mrs. Bozzo/Miss Farlane/Ms. Bury/Mrs. Harold
10:35 – 11:15	Mr. Havers/Mr. Hewitson
11:15 – 12:15	Closed for Lunch
12:45 – 1:25	Mrs. MacEachern/Ms. Cornale
1:40 – 2:20	Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman/Mrs. Clausen/Mrs. Glavic

HEALTH ACTION TEAM

This message is brought to you by your Health Action Team. Did you know that when students go to school in a kind and caring community, they feel safe and learn better? Students who feel supported and accepted by their peers and school staff have higher self-esteems, more motivation, and are healthier. We hope that the origami hearts we have made have helped you to have found many of ways to show kindness towards others. We challenge all of you to will continue to practice our tips all year round.



HOME GROWN MATH SUCCESS: PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT IN NUMERACY

Due to overwhelming parental request, our board will once again offer **FREE** online licenses for the **SuccessMaker: Math Program** for children who achieved Level 2 (C's) or lower in one or more Math Strand on their last report card. To see whether this program would be a good fit for your child, please read the important facts below.

If you are interested in the program, a parent information session will be offered on **Tuesday, May 9th 2016** from 6:30- 8:00p.m., at the **Nicholas Mancini Center (44 Hunt St., Hamilton, Ontario).**

Registration is required. To confirm your attendance, please RSVP to hwcdsb.successmaker2015@gmail.com no later than **Friday, May 6, 2016.** Once registered, you will receive, by return email, a brochure about the program and access to the registration form.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Successmaker: Math?

- an adaptive online Math program for **Grades 1 to 6** aligned to the provincial curriculum

How much time will it involve?

- twenty minutes a day for a minimum of four times a week for 8 weeks

How much will it cost?

- **NO COST.** All costs will be paid by the board through Ministry funding

What computer needs are there?

- Internet Explorer 8 or higher and Safari 5 or higher
- Flash 11 or higher and Internet access is required
- Java 7 with the most current update.

What happens if assistance is needed after the initial In Service?

A program support person will be available to you for the first 8 weeks of the program

Where can I get more information?

Parent Program Information Session at the Nicholas Mancini Centre, 44 Hunt Street, Hamilton. Tuesday, May 19, 2015 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

Online information also available at www.hwcdsb.ca

Adoption and Fostering Information Night

Do you have room in your home for one more?

Please join us for an upcoming Fostering and Adoption Information Night



Wednesday, May 12, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School

200 Whitney Ave., Hamilton, ON

For more information and to register please call Jocelyn at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125 for Adoption and Julie Ext 3280 for Fostering.

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